

February 2, 2006

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
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Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: CC Docket No. 96-115 – Protecting Customer Proprietary
Network Information**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, February 1, 2006, Steve Largent, President and Chief Executive Officer of CTIA-The Wireless Association® testified before the United States House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce to express concerns about the illegal sale of customer proprietary network information (CPNI) by data brokers. In his testimony, Mr. Largent detailed security measures carriers have implemented and will continue to implement to protect their customers' data from so-called "pretexters," who pose as carrier customers to illegally obtain their call records for sale to third parties. Mr. Largent also detailed legal actions carriers have taken to stop data brokers from stealing customer records. Because no carrier security procedures, however robust, can protect carriers and their customers from all criminal acts, Mr. Largent urged vigilant prosecution under existing laws of data brokers that deal in fraudulently obtained records. Importantly, Mr. Largent also expressed support for Congressional efforts to further criminalize the fraudulent behavior of parties who obtain, sell, or distribute call records. For your reference, a copy of Mr. Largent's testimony is attached to this letter.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, this letter and attachment are being electronically filed with your office. If you have any questions concerning this submission, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

/s/ Paul Garnett

Paul Garnett

Attachment

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